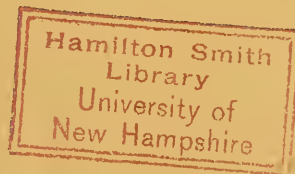


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OFFICIAL REPORTS

GROTON N. H.

1938



ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer,
Road Agents, School Board,
And Other Officials

— OF THE —

TOWN OF GROTON

— FOR —

THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1938

BRISTOL, N. H.
MUSGROVE PRINTING HOUSE
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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

AGNES A. LANE

TOWN CLERK

SARAH DUNKERTON

SELECTMEN

ARLON BARTLETT

S. E. LANE

ELWIN G. GOULD

ROAD AGENTS

PERLEY MATTHEWS

FRED VINTON

SNOW REMOVAL

ERNEST MATTHEWS

TREASURER

SARAH DUNKERTON

TAX COLLECTOR

ANNIE M. ESTY

LAND AGENTS

SELECTMEN

LIBRARIAN

AGNES A. LANE

POLICE

HERBERT REMICK

CONSTABLE

ELWIN G. GOULD

OVERSEER OF POOR

ARLON BARTLETT

HEALTH OFFICER
ELWIN G. GOULD

AUDITORS
FLORA MATTHEWS DOROTHY WHEELER
MILDRED BARTLETT

SCHOOL BOARD
FLORA MATTHEWS ANNIE M. ESTY
CYNTHIA WHITE

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK AND TREASURER
SARAH DUNKERTON

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
ELWIN G. GOULD MILDRED BARTLETT
C. E. MATTHEWS

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
FLORA MATTHEWS EDNA D. GOULD
DOROTHY WHEELER

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for year ensuing and three years.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to accept the budget as prepared by the Budget Committee and make appropriations for same.
4. To see if the town will vote to give a discount of 3% on property taxes paid on or before July 15th and a discount of 2% on property taxes paid on or before August 15th.
5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to dispose of or administer any real estate acquired by tax collector's deed.
6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
7. To see if the town will vote to rescind the Municipal Budget act.
8. To see if the town will vote to discontinue road leading from main road to Mary L. Lamprey's place.
9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on bridge near Butterfield's, either to build a new one, or repair old one.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to straighten and clear out brook near Perley Matthews' place and make appropriations for same.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to straighten and clean out brook at North Groton near cemetery, and make appropriation for same.

12. To raise a sum of money to blast out rocks and ledges and make appropriations for same.

13. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for culverts on River Road so called, and make appropriations for same.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for blister rust control and make appropriation for same.

15. To see if the town will vote to allow W. S. H. Remick one half his tax for repair on his highway.

16. Bring in your ballots for delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

17. And to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 21st day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

ARLON BARTLETT,
S. E. LANE,
ELWIN G. GOULD,
Selectmen of Groton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARLON BARTLETT,
S. E. LANE,
ELWIN G. GOULD,
Selectmen of Groton.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the year ending Jan. 31, 1939, compared with actual Revenues and Expenditures ending Jan. 31, 1938.

Sources of Revenue	Actual 1937	Estimated 1938	
Interest and dividend tax	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.51	
Savings bank tax	28.08	28.00	
Refund on S. A. O. construction	3,535.27	3,200.00	
Bounties	18.20	15.20	
Dog licenses	40.00	40.00	
Interest received on 1936 taxes	259.05	100.00	
Interest received on 1937 taxes	.67		
Abatement of state tax	23.94	23.94	
E. G. Gould, junk	2.00		
Redemption	138.87		
Refund of W. P. A. loans	99.60		
Refund from police officer	19.40		
Auto permits	165.84	125.00	
Poll taxes	112.00	100.00	
Balance in treasury, 1937	3,062.36	1,426.35	
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	\$ 7,505.79	\$ 5,059.00	57067.00
Amount raised by property tax	13,606.60	13,606.60	19038.39
Property and poll taxes previous year	4,429.60		
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	\$ 25,541.99	\$ 18,665.60	24097.39

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual 1937	Estimated 1938	
General Government			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 861.90	\$900.00	
Town officers' expenses	408.86	400.00	
Election and registration		50.00	
Town hall expenses	20.57	20.00	

	1937	1938
Protection of persons and property		
Police	\$ 67.60	\$ 50.00
Fire department	50.25	50.00
Bounties	15.20	20.00
Examination of dog	7.00	
Health department	3.50	
Highways and bridges, Butterfield bridge		2,000.00
Town maintenance	2,967.62	4,100.00
State Highway department	1,348.05	1,541.13
General expense of highway department	385.19	400.00
Library	115.00	230.00
Town poor	114.50	150.00
Unclassified	504.10	569.10
Cemeteries	10.00	20.00
Interest	570.84	570.84
Class V roads	193.08	195.50
Taxes bought by town	3,037.21	3,037.21
State road construction	3,145.62	850.00
Spectacle pond road	688.40	200.00
Payments on notes	3,000.00	1,000.00
Deficit of previous year		1,755.40
State tax	1,168.00	1,000.00
County tax	1,580.62	1,600.00
Payment school district	3,852.28	3,388.21
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	\$ 24,115.39	\$ 24,097.39

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF GROTON APRIL 1, 1937

Lands and buildings	\$ 268,920.00
Electric plants	174,000.00
Horses, 26	3,085.00
Cows, 28	1,345.00
Neat stock, 3	70.00
Sheep, 10	45.00
Fowls, 70	65.00
Portable mills	1,300.00
Boats and launches	400.00
Wood and lumber	4,400.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	200.00
Stock in trade	500.00
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	\$ 454,330.00
Polls, 67 at \$2.00	\$ 134.00
Rate per \$100	4.00
Soldiers' exemption	5,620.00
Blind exemption	675.00

We certify that the above is a correct transcript of the footings of each column of taxable property, the amount of taxes levied, and the rate of taxation in the town of Groton in the year 1937.

ARLON BARTLETT,
S. E. LANE,
ELWIN G. GOULD,
Selectmen of Groton.

APPROPRIATIONS

Town officers' salaries	\$ 800.00
Town officers' expenses .	400.00
Town hall	50.00
Police department	10.00
Fire department	100.00
Bounties	20.00
Vital statistics	2.50
Town maintenance	2,200.00
Deficiency taxes bought by town, 1935	2,154.07
Town construction	1,147.05
Unclassified	789.83
General expenses of highway department	300.00
Library	100.00
Town poor	150.00
Interest	720.83
Payments on principal of debt	3,000.00
State tax	1,168.00
County tax	1,580.62
School tax	3,432.18
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Total appropriations	\$ 18,125.08

Less estimated revenues and credits	
Interest and dividend tax	\$.24
Savings bank tax	28.97
Motor vehicle permit fees	135.87
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	\$ 165.08
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	\$ 17,960.00
Plus overlay	347.20
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Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$ 18,307.20
Less poll taxes, 67 at \$2.00	134.00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which town tax is figured, tax rate \$4.00	\$ 18,173.20
Taxes to be committed to collector	
Property taxes	\$ 18,173.20
Poll taxes	134.00
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Total taxes to be committed to col- lector	\$ 18,307.20

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, lands and buildings	\$ 1,200.00
Furniture and equipment	200.00
Library, land and buildings	1,200.00
Furniture and equipment	100.00
Highway department, lands and buildings	700.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Schools, land and buildings	2,200.00
Equipment	600.00
Land and buildings acquired through tax col- lector's deeds, assessed valuation	150.00
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	\$ 8,850.00

TOWN OF GROTON BALANCE SHEET

Jan. 31, 1938

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$ 1,426.35
Due from state, bounties	15.20
Mortgage and notes owned by town	352.80
Unredeemed taxes, current and previous years sales	10,693.61
Uncollected taxes, levy 1937	4,332.44
Uncollected taxes, levy 1936	202.75
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Total assets	\$ 17,023.15

LIABILITIES

Outstanding temporary loans	\$ 9,000.00
School tax	1,000.00
Trust funds	150.00
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Total liabilities	\$ 10,150.00
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	6,873.15
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Grand total	\$ 17,023.15

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Tax collected for auto permits from Feb. 1, 1937 to Dec. 31, 1937	\$ 160.52
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1937	5.32
Total	<hr/> \$ 165.84
Dog tax collected	\$ 40.00
Total receipts	<hr/> \$ 205.84

SARAH DUNKERTON,
Town Clerk.

Examined and found correct.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
MILDRED BARTLETT,
DOROTHY H. WHEELER,
Auditors.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1936 poll tax collected	\$ 28.00
1936 property tax collected	4,401.60
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	\$ 4,429.60
Interest	259.05
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	\$ 4,688.65

WARREN A. REMICK,
Collector.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Amount of warrant for 1937	\$ 18,307.20
Added tax	64.00
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	\$ 18,371.20
1937 poll tax collected	\$ 112.00
1937 property tax collected	13,606.60
Uncollected taxes	4,332.44
Discount of 3%	320.16
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	\$ 18,371.20
Interest	.67

ANNIE M. ESTY,
Collector.

Examined and found correct.

DOROTHY H. WHEELER,
FLORA MATTHEWS,
MILDRED BARTLETT,
Auditors.

Feb. 21, 1938.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasury Jan. 31, 1937 \$ 3,062.36

RECEIPTS

Town clerk, auto permits	\$ 165.84
Town clerk, dog licenses	40.00
Warren A. Remick, collector, 1936 property tax	4,401.60
Warren A. Remick, collector, 1936 interest	259.05
Warren A. Remick, collector, 1936 poll tax	28.00
Warren A. Remick, collector, 1934 tax redeemed	45.27
Annie M. Esty, collector, 1937 property tax	13,606.60
Annie M. Esty, collector, 1937 interest	.67
Annie M. Esty, collector, 1937 poll tax	112.00
Herbert W. Remick, refund on WPA project	3.60
Robert Kinne, refund on WPA project	71.00
Arlon Bartlett, refund on WPA project	25.00
E. G. Gould, refund from state of New Hampshire on 1935-36 bounties	18.20
E. G. Gould, sale of junk road machine	2.00
E. G. Gould, Charlie Hart, 1935 tax redeemed	48.10
E. G. Gould, Albert McCornish, 1936 tax redeemed	45.50
Savings bank tax	28.08
Abatement of state tax	23.94
Distribution of interest and dividend tax	.51
Herbert Remick, refund on police duty	19.40
Money advanced on Pond road	543.20
Money advanced on S. A. O.	2,992.07
Total receipts	\$ 25,541.99

Less selectmen's orders paid	\$ 24,115.39
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	\$ 1,426.60
Bank charge	.25
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Balance in treasury Jan. 31, 1938	\$ 1,426.35

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH DUNKERTON,

Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
MILDRED BARTLETT,
DOROTHY H. WHEELER,

Auditors.

Feb. 11, 1938

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Amount committed to collector	\$ 18,371.20
Less uncollected and discounts	4,652.60
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Property tax, current year, actually collected	\$ 13,600.60
Poll taxes, current year, actually collected	94.00
Added tax, polls	18.00
Added tax, property	6.00
Property and poll taxes, previous year, actually collected	4,429.60
State road money	3,535.27
Interest and dividend tax	.51
Savings bank tax	28.08
Abatement of state taxes	23.94
State treasurer, bounties	18.20
Local sources except taxes	
Redemptions	138.87
Dog tax	40.00
Auto permits	165.84
Interest on 1936 taxes	259.05
E. G. Gould	2.00
Interest on 1937 taxes	.67
Refund WPA loan	99.60
Refund from police officer	19.40
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1937	3,062.36
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	\$ 25,541.99

PAYMENTS

General government	
Town officers' salaries	\$ 861.90
Town officers' expenses	408.86
Town hall	20.57
Police department	67.60
Fire department	50.25
Bounties	15.20
Examination of dog	7.00
Health department	3.50
Town maintenance	2,967.62
General expenses highway department	385.19
Libraries	115.00
Town poor	49.50
Cemeteries	10.00
Abatements	379.35
Taxes bought by town	3,037.21
Interest on loans	570.84
S. A. O. Construction	3,145.62
Pond road	688.40
Payments on notes	3,000.00
Unclassified	189.75
State tax	1,168.00
County tax	1,580.62
Payment to school	3,852.28
State Highway department	1,541.13
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	\$ 24,115.39

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Flora Matthews, auditor	\$ 14.20
Dorothy Wheeler, auditor	12.80
Flora Matthews, library trustee, librarian's salary, 1936	15.00
S. E. Lane, selectman	250.40
E. G. Gould, selectman	217.80
Arlon Bartlett, selectman	106.60
Annie Esty, collector	79.80
Sarah Dunkerton	110.00
Edythe Newton, supervisor	8.75
Arlon Bartlett, overseer	25.00
Agnes Lane, librarian	18.75
Agnes Lane, moderator	2.80
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	\$ 861.90

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Dorothy Wheeler, postage	\$ 0.35
S. E. Lane, selectman's expenses	165.90
E. G. Gould, selectman	62.61
Arlon Bartlett, selectman	80.00
Ed Dunkerton, car hire	5.00
Thomas Newton, car hire	10.00
John Ray, bonds	55.00
Sarah Dunkerton, expenses	20.00
S. E. Lane, expenses due from 1936	10.00
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	\$ 408.86

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Arthur Brown, janitor	\$ 10.00
Arthur Brown, caretaker	10.00

Lester M. Avery, lumber	\$ 10.57
Herbert Remick, police	67.60
E. G. Gould, deputy fire warden	17.15
S. E. Lane, fire warden	33.10
John H. Westfall, examining dog	7.00
H. P. Watts, bounty	5.00
John Glines, bounty	5.00
E. G. Gould, bounty	4.60
Arlon Bartlett, bounty	.60
E. G. Gould, health officer	3.00
Dr. J. W. Coolidge, vital statistics	.50
Sarah Dunkerton, town clerk	22.48
Flora Matthews, library treasurer	115.00
F. E. Matthews, medical attendance	65.00
Grafton county	49.50
W. A. Remick, collector, abatements	261.35
Annie Esty, collector, abatement	118.00
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	12.12
Musgrove Printing House, reports	81.90
Association N. H. Assessors	2.00
Register of deeds, transfers	6.25
Warren Remick, tax sales	3,037.21
Pemigewasset National Bank, interest	463.34
Agnes A. Lane, interest	100.00
Trustees of trust funds, interest	7.50
Pemigewasset National Bank, payment on note	3,000.00
State treasurer, tax	1,168.00
County tax	1,580.62
School district	3,852.28
State treasurer, Highway dept., T. R. A.	193.08
State treasurer, Highway dept., S. A. O.	1,055.40
State treasurer, Highway dept., Spectacle Pond road	292.65
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	\$ 15,657.80

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

South End—Supervision of Perley Matthews

Perley D. Matthews and truck	\$ 403.40
Ernest Matthews, labor	81.20
Carroll Matthews and truck	114.80
F. E. Matthews, labor	36.00
C. E. Matthews, gravel	20.00
O. G. Matthews, labor	20.30
Floyd Colby, labor	91.40
Elmer Woodard, labor	38.60
Perley Woodard, labor	1.20
Clifton Hutchins, labor	14.80
Laurice Esty, labor	30.20
H. Butterfield, labor	13.55
F. Butterfield, labor and team	24.98
I. Emerson, labor	5.20
S. Dunkerton, gravel	15.16
E. Dunkerton, labor	20.40
Ray Newton, labor	3.60
S. E. Lane, team	2.63
Thomas Newton, truck	20.80
George McTavie, labor	16.40
Karl Wheeler, lumber	15.27
George Hikel, labor	36.60
H. W. Remick, labor	9.20
Walter Merrill, dynamite and caps	12.75
Eliza Haines, sand	7.05
Clarence Remick, labor	9.00
Bartlett & Remick, truck	18.00
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	\$ 1,082.49

North End—Supervision of Fred Vinton

Fred Vinton, foreman	\$ 301.00
Elwin Gould, labor	118.00
W. J. Allen, labor	125.20
R. B. Kinne, labor	80.00
E. M. Stevens, team	211.40
Mike Parris, labor	2.40
S. E. Lane, truck	14.40
Walter Bowles, labor	5.40
Preston Bickford, labor	48.80
Hugo Futterer, labor	11.20
Ed. Dunkerton, labor	7.60
Clarence Remick, labor	9.60
Arlon Bartlett, truck	19.20
C. G. Matthews and truck	33.60
Z. G. Taylor, gravel	3.90
Lena Marshall, gravel	7.80
Mr. Pratt, gravel	.50
Elwin Gould, Fuller road	25.00
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	\$ 1,025.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Supervision of E. E. Matthews

E. E. Matthews, foreman	\$ 155.56
F. E. Woodard, labor	53.70
P. R. Woodard, labor	26.30
F. E. Matthews, labor	9.05
P. D. Matthews and truck	36.00
C. G. Matthews and truck	118.70
O. G. Matthews, labor	2.00
F. H. Colby, labor	16.80
Ed. Dunkerton, labor	7.20
Laurice Esty, labor	11.25
Clarence Remick, labor	9.00

Irvin Emerson, labor	\$ 4.80
Morris Decker, labor	6.80
W. A. Remick, labor	8.20
H. G. Patterson, labor	3.60
Raymond Patterson, labor	2.00
John Patterson, labor	3.50
Fred Vinton, labor	6.80
E. G. Gould, labor	24.00
Walter Stevens, labor	2.80
H. Crawford, labor	2.00
Isaac Burnham, labor	12.20
W. A. Remick, gas and alcohol	98.59
John Cordon, gas	9.45
Arlon Bartlett, labor	10.00
Blue Sign Garage, labor	1.04
Jones Auto Co., labor	10.00
W. R. Merrill, sand	7.80
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	\$ 663.14
Supervision of W. A. Remick	160.14
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Total	\$ 823.28

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

S. E. Lane, Foreman

S. E. Lane	\$ 475.86
E. G. Gould	106.40
N. Adams	99.20
F. E. Woodard	51.20
Perley Woodard	53.20
Floyd Colby	73.20
Charlie White	89.60
Sherwin Day	73.20
R. B. Kinne	85.60
H. W. Remick	28.00

Walter Bowles	\$ 58.80
Hugo Futterer	75.20
F. E. Butterfield	66.00
H. F. Butterfield	56.80
P. D. Matthews	196.80
C. G. Matthews	223.20
Arlon Bartlett	104.80
Clarence Remick	68.80
Sarah Dunkerton, gravel	147.80
Ned Albert	320.35
Thomas Newton	135.00
Kenneth Bickford	48.00
Preston Bickford	52.00
C. Hutchins	53.20
O. G. Matthews	28.40
Rachel Remick	28.40
W. J. Allen	68.80
C. E. Matthews, gravel	111.00
F. E. Matthews, labor	27.20
Ed. Dunkerton, labor	10.80
Karl Wheeler, lumber	34.98
L. M. Avery, cement and lumber	69.44
A. M. Rand, metal	4.44
Katie Brown, rocks	19.95
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Total orders from town	\$ 3,145.62
Reginald Morrill, labor	3.60
Flora Remick, spikes and twine	3.75
Ned Albert	2.00
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Total	\$ 3,154.97

POND ROAD SPECIAL

S. E. Lane, Foreman

Nicholas Adams	\$ 61.20
H. W. Remick	54.00
F. E. Butterfield	23.60
H. F. Butterfield	42.00
C. G. Matthews	90.00
S. E. Lane	198.00
P. D. Matthews	58.80
Sherwin Day	57.60
Elmer Woodard	26.80
Perley Woodard	24.80
Clarence Remick	16.00
Floyd Colby	7.20
E. E. Matthews	12.20
Sarah Dunkerton, gravel	12.60
C. E. Matthews, gravel	3.60
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Total orders from town	\$ 688.40
C. E. Matthews, gravel	25.00
Sarah Dunkerton	17.10
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From state, total	\$ 730.50

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD BILLS

Fred Vinton, balance of 1936	\$ 5.60
Clifton Hutchins, balance of 1936	18.40
I. W. Emerson, balance of 1936	6.40
Mike Parris, balance of 1936	6.45
P. I. Perkins, tractor parts	201.86
State Highway Garage, repairs to plow	83.75
Arlon Bartlett, trip with plow	25.00
Blue Sign Garage, labor on tractor	74.58
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	\$ 422.04

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Road Agents, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
DOROTHY H. WHEELER,
MILDRED BARTLETT,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Town of Groton note	\$ 150.00
In treasury Jan. 31, 1937	\$ 2.74
Interest	7.50
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In treasury Feb. 1, 1938	\$ 10.24

Examined and found correct.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
DOROTHY H. WHEELER,
MILDRED BARTLETT,
Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

PAYMENTS

1937

Feb.	27	Charles Magoon, material and labor	\$ 16.83
Mar.	6	Charles Magoon, labor	12.00
	10	Perley Matthews, moving books	3.00
	12	Ralph Miles, coloring, shellac, turpentine	1.50
	13	Perley Matthews, labor	5.33
		F. E. Matthews, labor	2.17
		Charles Magoon, labor	12.00
	18	Perley Matthews, 2 qt. turpentine	.50
	19	Charles Magoon, labor	6.84
Apr.	5	Elmer Matthews, labor	6.00
		Agnes Lane, glue	.85
	7	Frank Wells, plywood	2.86
		Follansbee & Mitchell, material	5.43
	13	Sears Roebuck Co., linoleum	51.05
	27	Thomas Newton, freight and cartage	2.00
May	10	Floyd Colby, grading, 4 hrs.	1.33
		Clifton Hutchins, grading, 3 hrs.	1.00
June	19	Floyd Colby, grading, and fixing linoleum, 16 hrs.	5.33
		Ernest Matthews, fixing linoleum, 16 hrs.	5.33
		Elmer Woodward, fixing linoleum, 14 hrs.	4.67
		Clifton Hutchins, fixing linoleum, 14 hrs.	4.67
July	3	Perley Matthews and truck, 3 hrs.	3.00
Aug.	12	Carroll Matthews, 9 hrs., 1 hr. with truck	\$ 4.00
		Jones Auto Co., fixing key for annex	.90
	26	Graylord Bros., book ends and cabinet	27.50
Sept.	25	H. R. Hutting & Co., Inc., book cards	3.80
		Library Book House, books, 1936	9.23

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Jan.	8	Library Book House, books, 1936	\$ 0.57
	27	John Cordon, roofing	2.00
	28	Ned Braley, rocks for walk	3.00
		Mary Musgrove, paper and cards	1.28
		Flora Matthews, postage on books, Rowell cartage, librarian (25 stamped envelopes, 25 post cards), glue	2.76
	30	Womrath Bookshops and Libraries, Inc., books, 1937	11.05
		Cavis Bros., glass and material	1.94

RECEIPTS

1937

Feb.	1	Cash on hand	\$ 39.79
		Town for librarian's salary	15.00
Mar.	19	Town for repairs	100.00
		Dinner	7.91
		Paint sold	5.65
		Bingo parties	6.35
		1 bag cement	.77
Aug.	11	Groton Neighborhood Club	20.00
		Groton Neighborhood Club supper	8.59
		Refund on book ends	3.90
		Groton Neighborhood Club supper	3.96

1938

Jan.	21	Town for books	15.00
		Total receipts	\$ 226.92
		Total payments	225.72

		Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1938	\$ 1.20
		In hands of librarian, Feb. 1, 1937	\$ 0.22
		Postage	.18
		In hands of librarian, Jan. 1, 1938	\$ 0.04

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

RESOURCES

Books owned Feb. 1, 1937	1,986
Books added by gifts	201
Books bought by town	60
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	2,247
Books discarded by state field worker	398
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Books owned Jan. 31, 1938	1,849
Books borrowed from Public Library Commission	70
Publications currently received	5
Magazines currently contributed	11

SERVICE

Volumes of non-fiction lent	76
Volumes of fiction lent	925
Magazines lent	238
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Total current circulation	1,239
New borrowers	43
Regular borrowers	17
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Total borrowers	60

AGNES A. LANE, Librarian.

VITAL STATISTICS

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1937

BIRTHS

In Groton, N. H., May 3, 1937, a daughter, Mildred Frances, to Francis R. Bean and Goldie Gage Bean of Groton.

In Groton, N. H., May 19, 1937, a son, Clayton Edward, to Edward G. Dunkerton and Delma Mortensen Dunkerton of Groton.

At Franklin, N. H., Dec. 14, 1937, a daughter, Donna Mae, to Irving W. Emerson and Helen Hamblett Emerson of Groton.

In Groton, N. H., Dec. 15, 1937, a daughter, Beverly Mary, to Charlie White and Eva Albert White of Groton.

MARRIAGES

At Hebron, N. H., March 7, 1937, by Rev. R. Barclay Simmons, Edward J. Ford of Haverhill, Mass., and Anne E. Newman of Malden, Mass.

At Plymouth, N. H., June 26, 1937, by Rev. A. Brownlow Thompson, Charlie P. White of Groton, son of Fred and Cynthia J. White of Groton, to Eva M. Albert of Groton, daughter of Edward and Elsie Albert of Groton.

At Rumney, N. H., Aug. 1, 1937, by Rev. Leonard P. Edwards, Horace G. Patterson of Rumney, son of Otto A. and Minnie F. Patterson of Rumney, to Mary A. Gould of Groton, daughter of Elwin G. and Edna D. Gould of Groton.

At Hebron, N. H., Aug. 22, 1937, by Rev. R. Barclay Simmons, Floyd Colby of Groton, son of Calvin Colby of Topsham, Vt., and Flora Matthews of Groton, to Lillian E. Hobart of Hebron, daughter of Frank W. and Edna Hobart of Hebron.

At Plymouth, N. H., Aug. 23, 1937, by Rev. Hector A. Benoit, George Clinton Ennis of Littleton, son of Arthur J. and Etta Ennis of Littleton, to Elizabeth M. Lane of Groton, daughter of Samuel E. and Agnes A. Lane of Groton.

At Plymouth, N. H., Oct. 2, 1937, by Rev. John C. Prince, Harold Clifton Tibbitts of Canaan, son of Ernest and Anna Tibbitts of Canaan, to Lora Bell Remick of Groton, daughter of Herbert W. and Dorothy Remick of Groton.

DEATHS

In Groton, N. H., Dec. 17, 1937, Bert H. Gould of Groton, aged 82 years, 5 months, 16 days, son of Harry and Cassandra Dalton Gould.

I hereby certify that the above records are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SARAH DUNKERTON,
Town Clerk.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
GROTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

1937-38

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

Mrs. Agnes A. Lane	Moderator
Mrs. Sarah A. Dunkerton	Treasurer
Mrs. Sarah A. Dunkerton	Clerk
Mrs. Dorothy Wheeler	Auditor

School Board

Mrs. Flora Matthews	Term expires 1938
Mrs. Annie Esty	Term expires 1939
Mrs. Cynthia White	Term expires 1940

Teachers

Mrs. Zelma Watts	South Groton
Mrs. Myrtle Craig	North Groton

Superintendent of Schools

Earl P. Freese

FINANCIAL REPORT
of
School Treasurer and School Board
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1937
Treasurer's Report

Summary:

Cash on hand June 30, 1936	\$ 227.85
From selectmen by taxation	3,318.39
From selectmen by balance of previous appropriation	281.50
From selectmen by dog tax	32.76
From state treasurer, state aid	116.45
From other sources	4.36
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Received from all sources	\$ 3,981.31
Less school board orders paid	3,864.32
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Balance on hand June 30, 1937	\$ 116.99

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Groton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and find them correct in all respects.

July 14, 1937.

DOROTHY WHEELER,
Auditor.

School Board's Report

Year ending June 30, 1937

Receipts:

From state treasurer, state aid	\$ 116.45
From selectmen by taxation	3,599.89
From selectmen, dog licenses	32.76
From elementary school tuitions	3.36
From sale of property	1.00
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Total receipts from all sources	\$ 3,753.46
Cash on hand July 1, 1936	227.85
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Grand total	\$ 3,981.31

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Groton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

July 14, 1937.

DOROTHY WHEELER,
Auditor.

Detailed Report of Expenditures

Salaries of district officers	
Cynthia A. White, school board	\$ 40.00
Annie M. Esty, school board	25.00
Flora Matthews, school board	20.00
Sarah Dunkerton, treasurer	20.00
Dorothy H. Wheeler, auditor	1.25
Agnes Lane, moderator	1.20
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	\$ 107.45

Superintendent's salary	
Charles T. Patten, state treasurer	\$ 100.00
Truant Officer and School Census	
Flora Matthews, taking census	\$ 10.60
R. E. Lane, census cards	.90
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Total	\$ 11.50
Expense of administration	
Flora Matthews, office expense	\$21.89
Cynthia White, office expense	10.27
Edson C. Eastman, vouchers	7.20
John C. Ray, treasurer's bond	5.00
W. A. Remick, telephone charges	.90
Annie Esty, office expense	.50
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Total	\$ 45.76
Teachers' salaries	
Mrs. Zelma Watts	\$ 885.00
Mrs. Ida Sirrine	885.00
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Total	\$ 1,770.00
Text book	
Beckley Cardy Co.	\$ 11.09
Macmillan Co.	7.15
Silver Burdett Co.	6.49
Plymouth School District	5.60
Zelma Watts	4.05
American Book Co.	3.83
Ida Sirrine	3.75
Scott Foresman Co.	2.38
Allyn & Bacon	1.50
Flora Matthews	.20
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Total	\$ 46.04

Scholars' supplies	
Milton Bradley Co.	\$ 17.85
Plymouth School District	12.13
Philip M. James	7.84
Paper Crafters	5.25
Macmillan Co.	2.10
Allyn & Bacon	1.80

Total	\$ 46.97
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Other expenses of instruction	
C. C. Barton	\$ 4.25
Flora Matthews	2.50
Howard & Brown	1.40
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.31

Total	\$ 9.46
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Janitor Services	
Zelma Watts	\$ 36.00
Ida Serrine	36.00

Total	\$ 72.00
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Fuel	
Perley Matthews	\$ 66.00
Cynthia White	31.00
Zelma Watts	4.00
Fred White	15.00

Total	\$ 116.00
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Janitor Supplies	
Ed. E. Babb & Co.	\$ 11.65
Cheshire Chemical Co.	6.60
Perley Matthews	5.60
Plymouth School District	3.45

W. A. Remick	\$ 1.13
Flora Matthews	.49

Total	\$ 28.92
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Minor Repairs and Expenses

Fred J. White	\$ 18.60
Frank Matthews	6.80
Cynthia White	6.35
Annie M. Esty	6.00
Lester M. Avery	5.31
Howard Proulx	2.50
A. M. Rand	1.36
P. A. Hurd	1.20
Follansbee & Mitchell	.72
Karl Wheeler	.40
Perley Matthews	.40
Edgar Albert	.40

Total	\$ 50.04
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Medical Inspection

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R. N.	\$ 51.51
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Transportation

Flora Matthews	\$ 360.00
Arthur Fuller	305.10

Total	\$ 665.10
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High School Tuition

Laconia	\$ 76.00
Plymouth	30.18

Total	\$ 106.18
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Elementary Tuition	
Dorchester School District	\$ 134.97
Rumney School District	129.00
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Total	\$ 263.97
Per Capita Tax	
State treasurer	\$ 82.00
Painting and Repairs	
Charles Magoon	\$ 91.70
Roxbury Hardware Co.	59.80
Keezer Bros.	23.75
P. A. Hurd	10.40
Flora Matthews	8.39
Perley Matthews	2.00
Violet Parris	1.50
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Total	\$ 197.54
New Equipment	
Sears Roebuck Co.	\$ 33.88
Bills Previous Year	
Katie E. Brown, fuel	\$ 60.00
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Total payments	\$ 3,864.32

Balance Sheet

Assets	
Cash on hand June 30, 1937	\$ 116.99
Liabilities	None
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Excess of assets over liabilities	\$ 116.99

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Public Laws 1926, chapter 68:22, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

July 14, 1937.

CYNTHIA A. WHITE,
FLORA MATTHEWS,
ANNIE M. ESTY,
School Board.

Attendance Statistics—1936-37

	South	North	Total Average
½ Days schools in session	340.0	346.0	343.0
Total pupils registered	28.0	17.0	45.0
Average daily attendance	15.9	14.4	30.3
Average daily absence	1.8	1.1	2.9
Average membership	17.7	15.5	33.2
Per cent attendance	89.9	92.6	91.2
Per cent promotion	78.5	100.0	89.2
Tardiness per pupil	2.1	.1	2.2
Visits by superintendent	12.0	8.0	20.0
Visits by school nurse	8.0	5.0	13.0
Visits by school board	3.0	6.0	9.0
Visits by citizens	18.0	41.0	59.0
Pupils not tardy nor absent	0.0	0.0	0.0
Teachers' salaries	\$ 885.00	\$ 885.00	\$ 885.00

Attendance Report

Sept. 7, 1937 to Dec. 31, 1937

School	Sessions	Attend- ance	Tardy	Enroll- ment	Supt's Visits	Nurse's Visits
North Groton	142	96.2%	7	12	5	4
South Groton	142	91.4%	38	25	8	5
Total		93.8%	45	37	13	9

Enrollment—Dec. 31, 1937

School	Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
North Groton	0	5	0	0	3	0	4	0	12
South Groton	4	3	3	4	8	1	2	0	25
Totals	4	8	3	4	11	1	6	0	37

Boys 25

Girls 12

Pupils transported at district expense 9

Tuitions Paid

High school

Plymouth—Rate \$63.38

Colby, Mildred

Grade 11

Elementary schools

Dorchester—Rate \$45.00

Stevens, Alice

Grade 3

Waldron, Larena

Grade 7

Waldron, Clarence

Grade 8

Rumney—Rate \$37.00

Fuller, Robert

Grade 5

Gosselin, John

Grade 4

Gosselin, Roseanna

Grade 3

Summary

High school

Plymouth—1 pupil—total paid	\$ 63.38
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Elementary schools

Dorchester—3 pupils	\$ 135.00
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Rumney—3 pupils	111.00
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Total elementary tuition	\$ 246.00
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**Payments 1936-37, Budget 1937-38, and Proposed
Budget 1938-39**

	Payments 1936-37	Budget 1937-38	Budget 1938-39
District officers' salaries	\$ 107.45	\$ 103.60	\$ 107.45
Superintendent's salary	100.00	101.18	101.18
Truant officer and school census	11.50	10.00	10.00
Expenses of administration	45.76	35.00	45.00
Teachers' salaries	1,770.00	1,770.00	1,800.00
Text books	46.04	42.94	45.00
Scholars' supplies	46.97	50.00	50.00
Flags	.....	.....	1.00
Other expense of instruction	9.46	10.00	10.00
Janitor service	72.00	72.00	72.00
Fuel	116.00	70.50	70.00
Janitor's supplies	28.92	30.00	30.00
Repairs and expenses	* 247.58	250.00	50.00
Medical inspection	51.51	63.26	65.00
Transportation	665.10	900.00	900.00
High school tuition	106.18	63.38	65.00
Elementary tuition	263.97	246.00	201.00
Per capita tax	82.00	94.00	100.00
Insurance	.....	67.50	.....
New equipment	33.88	.....	.....
Bills previous year	60.00	.....	.....
Totals	\$ 3,864.32	\$ 3,979.36	\$ 3,722.63

* Includes money spent on painting.

School Board's Estimate for 1938-39

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1938.

Detailed statement of expenditures:

* Support of schools

Teachers' salaries	\$ 1,800.00	
Text books	45.00	
Scholars' supplies	50.00	
Flags and appurtenances	1.00	
Other expenses of instruction	10.00	
Janitor service	72.00	
Fuel	70.00	
Water, light, janitors' supplies	30.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	50.00	
Health supervision (medical inspection)	65.00	
Transportation of pupils	900.00	
Payment of elementary tuitions	201.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,294.00

Other statutory requirements

Salaries of district officers (fixed by district)	\$ 107.45	
Truant officer and school census (fixed by district)	10.00	
Payment of tuition in high schools and academies (estimated by board)	65.00	
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by supervisory union)	101.18	
Per capita tax (reported by state treasurer)	100.00	
Other obligations	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 428.63

Total amount required to meet school board's budget	\$ 3,722.63
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* \$3.50 per \$1,000 of **taxable inventory** is **minimum** required by law in addition to per capita tax and salaries of district officers.

Estimated income of district:	
State aid (December 1938 allotment)	\$ 409.42
Dog tax (estimate)	25.00
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Deduct total estimated income (not raised by taxation)	\$ 434.42
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‡ Assessment required to balance school board's budget	\$ 3,288.21
Special appropriation proposed	
Painting schoolhouse at North and South Groton (inside), screens for windows and doors and other repairs	\$ 100.00
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Total assessment required to cover budget and appropriations	\$ 3,388.21

‡ \$5 per \$1,000 of **equalized valuation** must be raised for **elementary schools** to qualify for state aid. The net assessment must contain this amount in addition to funds raised for high school maintenance and other statutory requirements.

FLORA MATTHEWS,
ANNIE M. ESTY,
CYNTHIA A. WHITE,
School Board.

Groton, N. H., Feb. 12, 1938.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board of Groton:

It was with genuine pleasure that after the opening of schools in September I found myself again serving the people and pupils in the town of Groton where I worked several years ago.

This part of my report will necessarily be brief because of the short time that I have served: the other part of the report will be statistical in its nature.

One of the tables will show that for the year 1936-37 forty-five pupils were registered, that there was an average daily attendance of 30.3 pupils, and an average daily absence of 2.9 pupils, making the per cent of attendance 91.2. There were 20 visits by the superintendent, 13 by the school nurse, 9 by members of the school board, and 59 parents and citizens visited the school and saw the pupils at their daily work.

Schools opened Sept. 7, with one change in teachers. Mrs. Myrtle Craig of Rumney was placed in the North Groton school.

Groton has now two experienced teachers and the service each is giving to the district is very worth while.

The enrollment for the time up to Dec. 31 was 37. The per cent of attendance for that time was very good. At present there are no eighth grade pupils and for this reason very little money will have to be raised for high school tuition for the coming year.

Shifting pupils, from one town to another, is giving many school districts much concern, and Groton is not escaping. The seating capacity of the South Groton school is almost reaching its limit.

The school board is performing a real service in keeping the equipment up to date. The board has been very co-operative, and the members want good schools. The district is to be congratulated.

EARL P. FREESE,
Superintendent of Schools.

